

CONSULTATION SUMMARY SHEET FOR PROGRAMMATIC ASSESSMENT

Instructions

For all projects and actions reviewed and analyzed using the wildlife screen process, the consultation summary sheets in Appendix E of the biological assessment must be filled out by Project Biologists and submitted to Forest Biologists for review and submission to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service semi-annually for review. Also, the Level 1 team will annually select a number of projects at random and review the use of the screens and documentation.

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Date: <u>3/19/2015</u>					
Project Name and Description	Species	Effects of Action	Cumulative Effects (ESA)	How Does the Project Meet Screening Criteria?	Determination of Effects
Max #2 Placer Exploration Salmon River Ranger District T25N, R3E, Section 12 This proposal is for the removal of	Grizzly Bear	Grizzly bears do not occupy the project area. No impacts to grizzly habitat are anticipated as a result of project activities.	None	Grizzly bears do not occupy the project area so the Screening Criteria are not applicable.	NE

<p>placer samples from 10 test pits for the purpose of testing for mineral values. The project area is located in the Ozark Creek drainage. The material will be removed with a small excavator or backhoe. A bulk sample of one ton will be removed from each pit. The material will then be processed through a sluice box, and process water will be run back into the pit with processed material. Process water will then be reused. When finished, the pit will be refilled with material, any existing topsoil will be replaced, and the affected area will be reseeded. Only one pit will be open at a time. No roads or trails will be needed to be constructed for this project. Some brushing will be required on Forest Road 645J and Ozark Creek will need to be forded for access to the project area. This can be accomplished by the use of planks across the stream channel with no impact to the stream.</p> <p>Project is anticipated to begin in 2015 and run seasonally for 5 years.</p>	<p>Canada Lynx</p>	<p>Project is located within a LAU and there is modeled lynx habitat within ¼ of project site. Noise production from equipment used in this project and human activity associated with the operation may impact lynx moving through the area in the short-term. However, this operation will not adversely impact or affect lynx.</p>	<p>The project site is in an area of previous and current mining activity which is reasonably expected to continue into the future. The principal effects of these activities will be disturbance to lynx moving through the area.</p>	<p>Passes screening at Level 2. This is a “Other Special Uses” associated activity type which, as proposed, Meets NRLMD HUG12 and does not result in a reduction of snowshoe hare habitat.</p>	<p>NLAA</p>
	<p>Canada Lynx Critical Habitat</p>	<p>There is no designated Critical Lynx Habitat within the Nez Perce-Clearwater NF boundary.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>The project area does not fall within Lynx Critical Habitat so the Screening Criteria are not applicable.</p>	<p>NE</p>